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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael I. Watkins et al.

Application No.: 09/548,883

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: MULTI-ANALYTE DIAGNOSTIC
TEST FOR THYROID DISORDERS

Examiner: Gabel, G.

Art Unit: 1641

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 12, 20, 21 and 22 without prejudice to read:

1. (twice amended) A method for analyzing a single patient sample to simultaneously determine levels of thyroid stimulating hormone, triiodothyronine, thyroxine, and thyroid peroxidase, as a collective indication of thyroid disorders, said method comprising:

(a) incubating said sample with a mixture of particles in a first suspension, said mixture of particles comprised of groups (i) through (iv):

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